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Police Beat

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News Editor



Feb. 6—At 10:30 p.m., a member of residence life confiscated 13 12-ounce bottles of beer, one beer bong and one beer caddy from a resident of Willard Hall. Police took possession of and disposed of the items.

Feb. 12—At 2:29 p.m. the Fredericksburg Police Department reported to Mary Washington police that an unknown person was harassing students near Custis Hall.

Police located the suspect on College Avenue and ran an identity check. Police took 43-year-old Joseph Johnson into custody and transferred him to Stafford County for violating parole.

Feb. 13—At 6 a.m., an officer on patrol spotted spray-painted symbols on two trees lining College Avenue. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is pending.

Child-care Center Absent

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attention paid exclusively to her own situation. "It's larger than just me and my problem," Rosenlee said. "We need to make the workplace compatible with family culture."

Rosenlee sees a child-care center on campus as having other benefits as well.

"It's also a recruiting tool. When we bring in new employees, we can say 'We welcome you, and we also welcome your family,'" she said.

"It makes for a more productive environment, where a faculty member can be very close to their children, and not have to worry about their well-being."

Rosenlee said students could also experience an advantage from such a center.

"It would be a large benefit to education students, allowing them to experience an environment of small children. Psychology, linguistics, and even philosophy majors could use a day-care center as a resource," Rosenlee said.

The faculty affairs subcommittee surveyed 258 UW administrative staff, classified employees, and teaching faculty. The results were published in the fall of 2003.

Eighty-seven percent of those surveyed believed that the college should provide a space on campus for a child-care center, while ninety percent said that having a childcare center on campus would make it easier to hire employees at the University.

The College of William & Mary, the University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University and George Mason University all have on-campus day-care centers.

Child-care at these institutions comes at a price, however. For one infant, the University of Virginia and the College of William & Mary charge approximately \$178 per week for infants, \$170 per week for young toddlers, \$165 per week for older toddlers, and \$156 per week for pre-school aged children.

The faculty senate survey also showed that UW employees would be willing to pay for a full-time child-care service. Over two-thirds of those surveyed who have children four and under currently pay between one hundred and two hundred dollars a week for child-care.

Sixty percent of those surveyed said they would pay similar prices for an on-campus center.

Rosenlee sees this as proof that a day-care center would be economically viable.

"It can be self-sustaining. The survey demonstrates that day-care is expensive, but people are willing to pay for it," she said.

Hurley will present the survey's findings to the Board of Visitors on Feb. 18 and 19. Even though the administration has been searching for a solution to the problem since 1990, no timetable has been finalized.

"The report is an interim report and does not conclude with a recommendation," Hurley said.

Until the bureaucratic process yields a result, Rosenlee continues to advocate a more family-friendly campus.

"It is ironic," said Rosenlee. "That a college, originally strictly a women's college, named after the mother of the founder of this country, doesn't encourage working mothers to pursue their academic goals."

"MWC" Domain Changes To "UMW"

By SARAH ROBINSON
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington will lose access to the "mwc.edu" Internet domain on Feb. 23, but will maintain access to the "umw.edu" Internet domain.

According to Mike Merrill, computer network support technician, any attempt on or after Feb. 23 to access University of Mary Washington URL through the "mwc.edu" domain will be unsuccessful and any e-mails sent to "mwc.edu" addresses will be returned to the sender.

Educuse, a non profit association, manages registration of names in the ".edu" domain. All ".edu" domains are reserved for accredited institutions of higher education, and an institution is only allowed usage of one ".edu" domain, according to the Educuse Web site.

The University of Mary Washington is currently in a transition period between the "mwc" and "umw" Internet domains, allowing both to be used by the University from July 1, 2004, the day of the University's name change, until Feb. 22, 2005.

Because the University's domain transition period is coming to an end, students need to take several steps to prepare for the upcoming change.

The Department of Information Technologies has developed an informational Web site regarding the name change, www.umw.edu/technology/namechange/, which explains the necessary procedures to prepare for the domain change. The informational Web site was first set up Jan. 31, according to Merrill.

According to the Web site, students will need to change the domain in their network settings if it has not already been changed. Any web page links to University sites and any browser bookmarks will need to be reset to contain the "umw.edu" domain.

Information in 'Groupwise Signature' which currently features MWC information needs to be updated to include UMW information. Students also need to change their e-mail addresses located on their Blackboard site in the personal information section. All of these changes need to be made prior to Feb. 23 to avoid any problems.

In addition to these changes, students and faculty also need to change any e-mail addresses in Groupwise address books and student address books which use the "mwc.edu" domain. The changes to the address books need to be made prior to Feb. 21, according to the University Web site.

All of the procedures students need to make the changes can be found on the informational Web site.

The University's Department of Information Technologies has also prepared a checklist, available on their Web site, to help prepare for the domain change. Steps to updating Blackboard accounts can also be located on the Blackboard site under, 'my Announcements.'

According to Cathy Derecki, Director of Web Communications, the informational Web site will be available to students indefinitely.

"It will be kept up for a while," Derecki said, "People need time."

According to Merrill, the problems students are most likely to encounter after the "mwc.edu" domain is shut down or the loss of web page bookmarks and the inability to use e-mail addresses, if steps are not taken to prepare. Merrill said that overall, she is not anticipating many problems for students.

According to an e-mail sent out to all faculty and staff by Richard Hurley, executive vice president and chief financial officer, preparation for the change should be made as soon as possible. "Devoting some time to it now will save you time and headaches later," Hurley said.

Candidates Speak Out

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organization's events. He said approximately 850 students attended this year's festival.

The next round of candidates to speak were this year's SGA vice presidential candidates who include junior Paul Kozar, sophomore Grant Lahmann, and Stephanie.

Candidates were asked what ideas they had to make the student senate more effective.

Kozar's focus was on the amending of the current SGA constitution.

"I think we need to start earlier, a lot earlier, get it worked through and done," he said.

Lahmann proposed an idea for senate and student body interaction.

"I think that to make senate more effective, we need to reach out to activist clubs on campus," he said. "They can use senate for a method for change because that's what we are."

Lahmann and Kozar both agreed that student senate interaction was important in forming a cohesive organization.

Junior Brant McQuitty and sophomore B.J. Huff are this year's candidates for honor council president.

Moderators asked how they would increase compliance with the honor code.

"I think one of the important things is to get across to new students during honor convocation...that it is really not something the school is doing because we want to have it, it's something that increases the value of the school..." Huff said. "Right now in our business world it is something that is important."

McQuitty offered his opinion on compliance as well.

"Here at Mary Washington honor is a tradition and its really part of everyone and part of our lives..." McQuitty said. "I think we just need to continue to express that sense of tradition."

McQuitty said he wanted to continue the work of the current honor council to create more awareness of possible violations.

Next, judicial review board candidates took the podium.

Molly Murphy, a junior, responded to a question posed about decreasing the number of offenders.

She said she wanted to continue a program by the JRB that involved traveling to freshman dorm and educating students about the possible offenses.

Paul Wash, a sophomore, agreed with Murphy and suggested the JRB take the campaign to all the dorm on campus and let students know all the offenses that can be committed.

Both Judicial review board vice presidential candidates junior Kate Hallberg and sophomore Evan Stepanick were not present to answer questions.

Legislative Action Committee chair candidates include Jared Turner, junior Heather Wetzel and sophomore Evan Stepanick.

Turner was the only candidate for the office

present and was asked what his role would be in addressing student concerns over textbook prices.

He cited his current efforts on campus to support a bill in Virginia's General Assembly that would require professors to supply course texts to students earlier in the academic year, which would allow them to purchase books online.

The Academic Affairs council candidates are juniors Meghan Cudaly and Paul Kozar along with Stephanie.

Kozar was asked if they thought a minors program is necessary at the university.

"I think it's very important we are a university and like most universities in the state and the United States with big minors programs, we need one here as well," Kozar said.

Cudaly did not speak on behalf of the office because at the time of the voter information night she was slated to run for SGA vice president.

Stephanie Bowen, is the only candidate for the commuting student association president.

In her speech she said one of her goals was to provide more activities for commuters. When asked how she would increase commuter involvement

Bowen said events could be held after classes to attract commuters since they usually leave campus after they are done with courses.

Association of residence hall candidates include sophomore Jenny Duval, junior Tessa Mema, and Stephanie.

In her speech Duval said there were many resources on campus available for residence halls.

"By using all the resources that they have for programming, late night programming, we would be able to empower the students and build a centered community in our residence halls."

Mema said she was disappointed at the lack of student recognition of the ARH on campus and wanted to increase student support for their halls and build new campus traditions.

"We need to build a sense of pride in living in residence halls..." she said.

Interclub association presidential candidates are junior Rebecca Sklepovich and Stephanie.

Sklepovich was asked how she would plan on managing clubs and helping clubs follow rules.

"I think a big part of that is just being accessible to organization and making yourself a resource so when clubs have questions you are there to answer them and you provide an outlet for them to come to if they have any problems or any concerns," she said.

The only candidate for student media council chair candidate is sophomore TR Revella.

He said his main priority is to get awareness about student media council out on campus. He also said he wanted to create a forum for different media on campus to come together and to create different forms of advertisements for such organizations.

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Sunday and a lot of people would be out of town," Cudaly said.

Cudaly said the Senate should vote on the constitution during a regularly scheduled meeting, rather than the special meeting.

"One of the reasons I'm running, essentially, is to showcase that if there are not problems, how can one person run for everything? Essentially, I could run as dictator of the school, not that I want to," Stepanick said.

"I would not keep them, simply because I feel that having a few individuals with a lot of power is unfair, so I would resign from all but one," Stepanick said.

"[Stepanick] has the right to run for that many, but to run for positions he didn't really know anything about or want to hold was wrong. He shouldn't have done it," said freshman and rules and procedures committee member Amanda McCuskey.

Senator and junior Becky Sklepovich would be running unopposed for Inter-Club Assembly president if Stepanick were not running.

"It's an interesting decision on his part and he definitely has a right to run for as many positions as he feels necessary so it's not something that

I'm bothered by," Sklepovich said.

Kozar, who is running for SGA vice president and Academic Affairs Council chair, said that if elected to both positions, he would step down from one.

According to Kozar, he is showing "to a lesser extent" why the constitution should have been voted on in the Senate. Like Stepanick, Kozar said he would choose one position.

At least 50 percent plus one member of the student Senate must approve the constitution for it to pass. After it passes in the Senate, it must be approved by a majority of the student body.

Sklepovich said she was uncertain if the constitution would have passed in the Senate body.

"I think the Senate was fairly divided over it. There were a couple of controversial clauses. When we had preliminary voting, it was very divisive," Sklepovich said.

"I would have voted for it," McCuskey said. Frank Puleo, the current SGA president who is also running for re-election, attended the meetings for revising the constitution last year and said that though the new constitution did not pass.

"It gives us a nice starting point to work with next year," Puleo said.

Corey Byers contributed to this article.

Corrections

—In last week's *Bulletin* article "Honor Code Changes Debated, BOV To Vote," it was incorrectly stated: "A student may not sit for the American Bar Association or become a Certified Public Accountant." What should have been stated was "A student may be denied admission to the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners, but the crime would have to be heinous to prevent becoming a certified public accountant."

—In last week's *Bulletin* article "Legislature To Consider Textbook Act This Week," three statements attributed to Kathy Underwood were misstated. First, "According to Underwood students save an average of 75 percent if they buy used books" should have read: "According to Underwood, used books generally cost 75 percent of what new books cost." Second, "These books are usually readily available about a month before classes start," should have referred to used books, not new books. Third, "But what books we do have are out there about a month ahead," should have clarified that it is the information for these books that is available a month in advance, not the actual books themselves.

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Editorial Burkas Off, Pants Up

Earlier this month, we learned Virginia Del. Algie T. Howell (D - Norfolk) filed legislation to outlaw sagging pants and impose a \$50 fine on those modeling the top of their undies.

Fortunately, the Senate killed the bill, but not before Virginia attracted attention from the international press for the absurdity of criminalizing a popular fashion.

The bill was an interesting window into the priorities of Howell, who, for some reason, thought sagging drawers were not only an appropriate topic for discussion for the Commonwealth of Virginia House of Delegates, but also an issue worth enacting legislation over.

The baggy-pants legislation, while amusing to some members of the public, is disturbing.

What motivations are behind such a piece of legislation?

In an era of federal "democracy building" overseas, it seems ironic that such concerns would be present in our own political system.

Since when is restricting Americans clothing preferences a major concern to politicians? Voters should be concerned that 60 Virginia delegates agreed with the legislation.

The United States is currently fighting the "good" fight overseas, promoting democracy, promoting freedom and, at times, rejecting oppressive regimes.

So wait, what is the message such legislation sends to foreign countries?

Take off the burkas but pull up the pants?

For all of the outspoken political groups in America that have been touting the virtues of a free society, the baggy-pants bill flies in the face of their efforts to make foreign societies truly free.

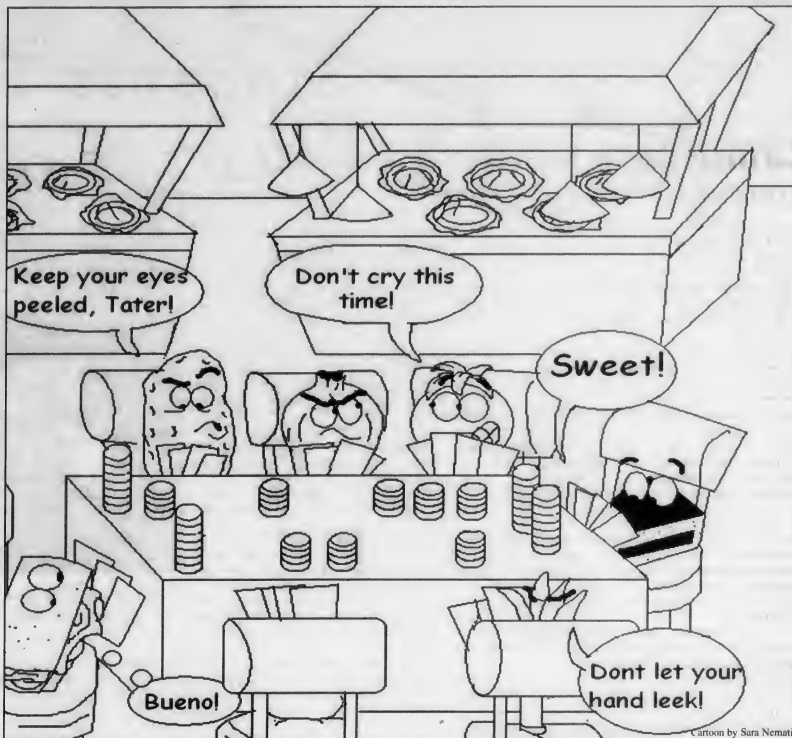
It is a sad day when our troops are dying overseas for democracy and our legislators at home are focusing their energies on boxer shorts and thongs.

Apparently legislators have forgotten some of the perks to living in the United States.

One of those perks is the opportunity for citizens to shop and wear attire that is comfortable for them instead of the attire the government demands they wear.

These days, governments that force citizens to wear specific clothing are called things like "evil" and "tyrannical." Since when have the lines become so blurred?

Perhaps a good dose of common sense is in order for legislators or maybe a brief perusal of a history book.



Cartoon by Sara Nemat

Why South Market is really open later

Appetites Spoil Faster Than The Lunch Meats

By ADAM HOLOFCENER
Guest Columnist

For those of us who like to dine at the South Market section of Seacobeck, we have learned that standing in line is part of the process.

However, the line that I am referring to starts outside of the doors and begins gaining members at 11 a.m., the time that it's supposed to open on weekdays.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, I get to Seacobeck at 11 a.m. and South Market usually takes about 15 to 20 minutes to actually open up. Even after the doors open most of the stations are vacant and most of the food is not yet prepared.

All of the staff members are very courteous, but I am fully aware that if I was too arrive late to my job every single day, I would be fired.

For people who have classes at noon, it is nice to enjoy your lunch hour relaxing and maybe reading the paper other than standing with an empty belly behind other irritable students. It does not seem like a problem that is too hard to reconcile. If the staff would just arrive 15 minutes earlier, then everything would be on schedule.

With the limited food resources on campus, the only thing that I could hope for is that the ones we do have operate on time because while we do not need class to survive food we do.

Adam Holofcener is a freshman.



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Seacobeck employee Rita Taylor prepares South Market sandwich station.

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Students Take The Plunge For Charity

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Temperatures in the area dropped below freezing last month, but that did not stop sophomore Kyle Haran and Mike Moscarelli from taking a dip in the fountain by Monroe Hall.

They splashed around wearing only shorts while their fellow students rushed to class in heavy coats and scarves.

That day, Haran and Moscarelli raised \$100 to go towards the University of Mary Washington men's rugby team's efforts to fundraise for the Special Olympics Virginia.

"I am almost positive we could have raised more money, but we were told to stop because solicitation is not allowed on campus," Haran said. "I also think that if I continued any longer I would have lost about six years of my life."

On Feb. 5, the men's rugby team attended the Polar Plunge XIII in Virginia Beach to help raise a record \$440,000 to benefit Special Olympics Virginia.

Led by veteran polar plungers Mike Moscarelli, Samuel Hale, Kyle Haran, Andy Jones and Chris Redder, 20 rugby team members joined over 2,800 other plungers as they ventured into the freezing cold Atlantic Ocean.

The water was recorded at 38 degrees Fahrenheit on the day of the plunge.

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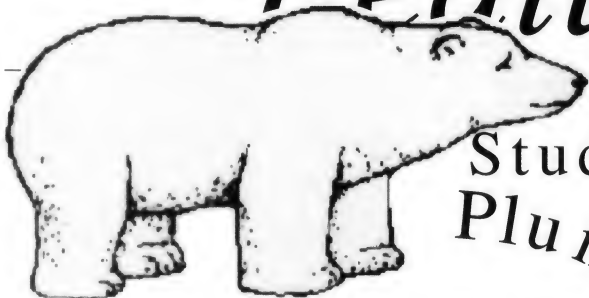
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The statistics support this ranking. In 2003, the freshman class had a total of 882 students, 12 of whom were black. This year, that number increased by two, up to 14 black students, according to the 2004 Admissions Office final report.

Some minority students feel the effects from the lack of diversity. Jessica Upshaw, a senior, who is half Cuban, noticed the lack of diversity right away.

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In addition, this year there was a total of 91 freshman minority students. According to the Admissions Office final report, off those students, 47 were Asian, two American Indian, 14 black, 26 Hispanic and two multi racial.

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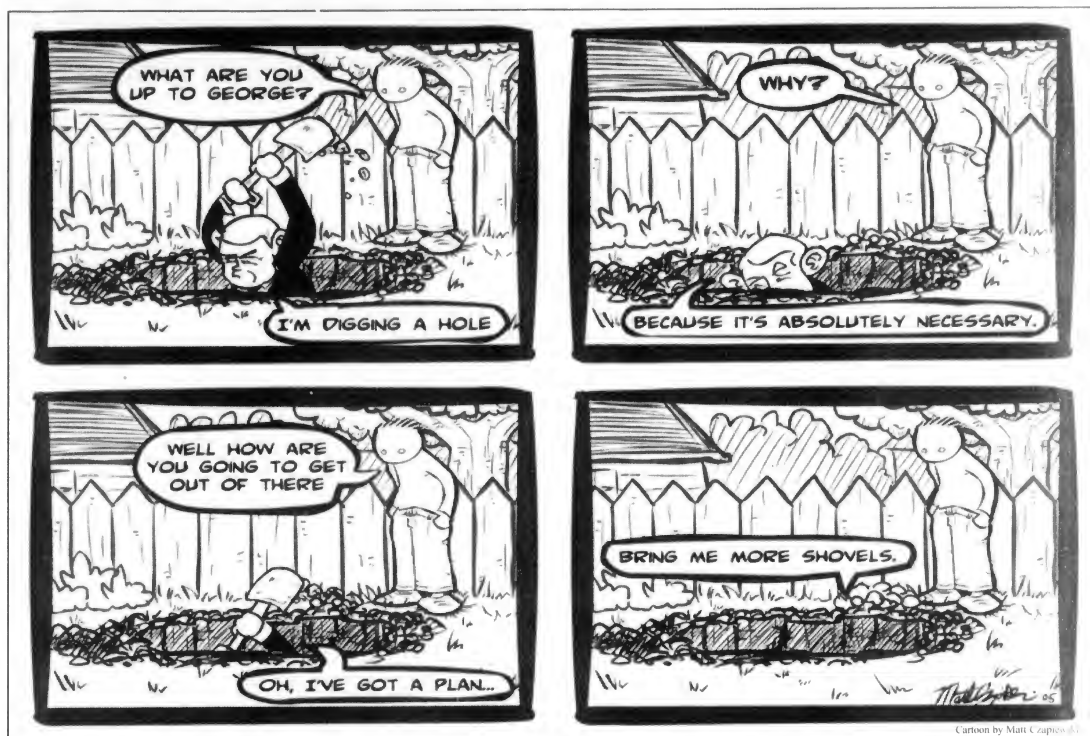
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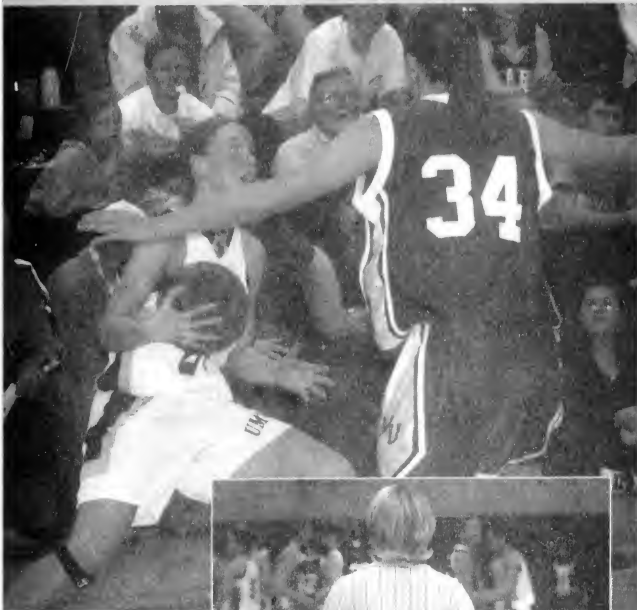
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"I was really pleased with how we played thirteen out of the fourteen innings," he said. "It was just that last inning in the last game. Unfortunately, the one inning changes the complexion of the entire game and instead of being 2-0 we're 1-1. But we were 8-for-9 in stolen bases and we moved along runners with bunts, which was good. We struck out 25 batters. We swung the bats and had 11 hits in the first game, and nine in the second. I'll take that most days."



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Sophomore A.J. Fitzgerald carries the ball up the court during last night's game against Marymount. The Eagles won in thrilling fashion, 61-60.

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"I was really, really excited [about Josh's performance]," Wood said. "He was 5-for-6 [from the field], there were put-backs, eight offensive rebounds. That's unbelievable. That just shows what he can do."

According to Wood, this was the first double-double for an Eagles' post player this season.

"I got more shots today and I went to the glass harder," Wilson said. "I just got most of my stuff off the glass, rebounding [the guards'] misses and just going back up hard."

Wilson made his presence felt early. With the

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Junior Kevin Foeman delivers a pitch during Saturday's game against Villa Julie College. Foeman gave up five hits and one run, while striking out 12 in a complete game victory.

haunt us."

McDermott added, "In game two we came out kind of flat and let [Villa Julie] stay in the game and it came back to bite us."

Sophomore Eric Fitzgerald, McDermott, and Townsend had two hits each in game two.

Even though they let a win slip away, Sheridan was happy with his team's overall performance to start the new season.

"I was really pleased with how we played thirteen out of the fourteen innings," he said. "It was just that last inning in the last game. Unfortunately, the one inning changes the complexion of the entire game and instead of being 2-0 we're 1-1. But we were 8-for-9 in stolen bases and we moved along runners with bunts, which was good. We struck out 25 batters. We swung the bats and had 11 hits in the first game, and nine in the second. I'll take that most days."



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Sophomore A.J. Fitzgerald carries the ball up the court during last night's game against Marymount. The Eagles won in thrilling fashion, 61-60.

Wilson Leads Men To Two Straight Wins

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For most of the season, University of Mary Washington head men's basketball coach Rod Wood has been disappointed with his team's play in the low post. Josh Wilson, a 6-foot-5-inch sophomore, stepped up to the challenge on Saturday against visiting Salisbury University, finishing the game with 12 points, 11 rebounds and three blocked shots. The Eagles rode Wilson's dominating performance in the paint to an 81-65 victory.

"I was really, really excited [about Josh's performance]," Wood said. "He was 5-for-6 [from the field], there were put-backs, eight offensive rebounds. That's unbelievable. That just shows what he can do."

According to Wood, this was the first double-double for an Eagles' post player this season.

"I got more shots today and I went to the glass harder," Wilson said. "I just got most of my stuff off the glass, rebounding [the guards'] misses and just going back up hard."

Wilson made his presence felt early. With the

game tied 7-7 three minutes in, he leaped up and tipped in a missed free throw to give the Eagles their first lead of the game. Salisbury sophomore Segun Odumero nailed a 3-pointer to give the Sea Gulls a 10-9 advantage, but the Eagles responded with a 14-0 run over the next five minutes to take a commanding 23-10 lead.

Salisbury cut their deficit to four before freshman Kevin Galimat drained a 3-pointer to put the Eagles up 29-22. The Sea Gulls carried the ball back up the court, but sophomore Mike Lee got his hand on a pass. Sophomore A.J. Fitzgerald picked up the loose ball and took off on a two-on-one fast break. He passed the ball to Lee who gave it right back to Fitzgerald for the easy layup.

Wilson was at it again with just more than a minute to play in the half. He grabbed an offensive rebound and was fouled with 1:13 on the clock. He hit one of two free throws to send the Eagles into halftime with a 37-28 lead.

UMW kept Salisbury off-balance throughout the game with a 1-3-1 zone defense.

"This was the first day that we played the

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Upcoming Events

Feb. 18-20 - Swimming, CAC Championships, 10 a.m./6 p.m.

Feb. 19 - Baseball vs. Messiah, 12 p.m.

Feb. 20 - Baseball vs. Alvernia, 12 p.m.

Feb. 22 - Women's Basketball, CAC Tournament Quarterfinals, TBA
Men's Basketball, CAC Tournament Quarterfinals, TBA

Men's Lacrosse vs. Roanoke, 3 p.m.

Athlete of the Week

Junior Kevin Foeman struck out 12 in a complete game 10-1 victory over Villa Julie College on Saturday

